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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 18, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 18, 2005, the period for response having been extended to expire on March 20, 2006 (March 18, 2006 falling on a Saturday) by the enclosed Request for (two-month) Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Replacement Figures 1-5 are attached hereto and described at page 2 of this paper.
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.